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Prior Application:
Examiner Monique R. Jackson
Art Unit 1773

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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a

☒ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114
(prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));
☐ Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37
CFR §1.53(b);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/397,034, filed September 16, 1999

for [Title as filed]: DECORATIVE SHEET, SHEET-DECORATED MOLDING AND SHEET-
DECORATING MOLDING METHOD

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Hiroyuki ATAKE

1. ☐ A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2. ☐ Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

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3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY
OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW

Basic Fee
\$770.00

Total claims	12	-20 =	0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	-
Independent claims	3	- 3 =	0 x \$86.00 (*43.00) =	-
Total Filing Fee.....			=	\$770.00

4. [X] A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed (Ck# 17619).
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
NO. 160331.
5. [] Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before
calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is
retained for filing purposes.
6. [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the
sentence:
--This is a [] Continuation [] Division of application Serial No.
09/397,034 filed September 16, 1999.--
7. [] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR
§1.116 with any attachments filed on in this application which was
not entered therein.
8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 2788014/1996, filed October
30, 1996 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [X] The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 09/397,034
on December 10,, 1997.
- [] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is
filed herewith.
9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to DAI NIPPON PRINTING
CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 8878, Frame 0660.

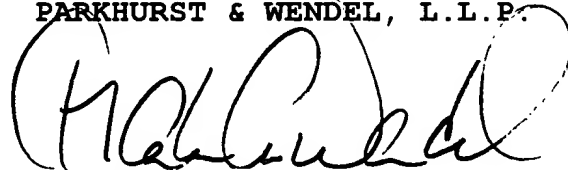
10. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- ☒ a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - ☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - ☒ c. Address all future communications to

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11. ☐ An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.
12. ☒ An Amendment is enclosed.
13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
14. ☒ This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.



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